

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Carl Giordano on December 18, 2008.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

18. (Original) A method for providing a visual display with a wearable garment, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a fabric layer (14) having at least one conductive layer (12) therein for passing an electrostatic field and a plurality of furs (16), laying nearly flat on the surface thereof;

integrating said fabric layer (194) in furniture; and,

selectively providing an electrostatic force to a selective region of said conductive layer (12) to force the corresponding said furs (16) to extend out from ~~of~~ said fabric layer (14) in a substantially vertical orientation, thereby revealing the surface color of said fabric.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to teach or suggest a fabric comprising a fabric layer having a conductive layer and a plurality of furs *laying nearly flat on the surface thereof*, wherein said furs are responsive

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to an electrostatic field passed through said conductive layer *to extend out from said fabric layer in a substantially vertical orientation*. Additionally, the prior art fails to teach or suggest a method of providing a visual display wherein said fabric is provided and an electrostatic force is applied to a selected region of the conductive layer to force the corresponding furs to extend out from the fabric layer in a substantially vertical orientation. Therefore, claims 1-19 are allowed.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheryl Juska whose telephone number is 571-272-1477. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 10am-6pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Rena Dye can be reached at 571-272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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